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### Article 22 fee letter

By attending your consultation you are agreeing to the below terms.

#### Outpatient Appointment

Thank you for choosing to see me for your outpatient consultation. This letter sets out some important information that I am required by law to provide to you. This is for your information only and is not a bill. As this includes information about my charges, if you do not have private medical insurance but someone else will be paying your bill, you may wish to pass a copy of this letter to them. Please note that even if someone else is paying your bill or you have private medical insurance, you are responsible for paying any charges which they do not pay.

#### Consultation fee

My fee for an initial consultation, both in person and remotely, will not exceed £300. My fee for an in person follow up consultation will not exceed £220. The fee for a remote follow up consultation will not exceed £170. These estimates are correct at the date of this letter.

If you register with us as self funding, payment for my fee will be required in full ahead of your appointment. An invoice will be sent to you.

#### Tests

At the time of, or following your consultation you may need certain tests (such as blood tests or imaging, for example an ultrasound, x-ray, MRI or CT scan) to help me diagnose your condition. If the test is undertaken by the hospital staff and not by me, the fees for those tests will be determined by the hospital and charged to you, or your private medical insurer separately.

Urinary flow test and post void bladder scan:	Hospital fees of approx. £400
Select MdX test	£300
Repeat prescription:	£25 (administration fee)

#### Private medical insurance

If you have private medical insurance, please contact your insurer before your consultation takes place to check the terms of your policy, particularly the level and type of outpatient cover you have, including any reimbursement limits on individual consultation fees. You are responsible for any fees not covered by your insurer.

#### *Email:*

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I am recognised by all major insurance providers and am fee assured with BUPA and Vitality.

It is your responsibility to inform me as well as the hospital/clinic at which you are seen who you are insured with and to keep me updated of any change to your insurance status/provider. Failure to keep me updated could lead to the insurer refusing to settle my fees in which case you would then be liable for any outstanding costs.

#### Financial interests

I am legally obliged to tell you if I have any financial interests in HCA or any of the equipment there.

I have a financial interest of 0.25% in the PET scanner and the outpatient chemotherapy services used at the LOC @ London Bridge Hospital. I also have a financial interest in the London Radiotherapy Centre Ltd.

#### Hospital fees

HCA operates a two-tier charging structure; this means Professional fees (for the consultant) are invoiced separately to Hospital fees (e.g. for diagnostic tests or imaging). Most of our patient's visit are funded either through insurance, self-pay, or another third-party sponsor such as an Embassy. Please read the relevant section for you. It is important that you keep us informed of your funding arrangements.

#### Insurance

It is important that you contact your insurer in advance of your appointment to inform them of your forthcoming consultation and to obtain full authorisation. Please be aware that outpatient benefits may be limited and you may wish to check that they will reimburse you in full. Should your insurer decline payment it then becomes the responsibility of the patient to honour any shortfall.

If you have not already provided your insurance details when completing the online registration form, these will be requested again on arrival.

#### Self-pay

If you are self-funding and wish to obtain hospital costs in advance of your appointment, please contact the Self Pay Team on [selfpaylbh@hcahealthcare.co.uk](mailto:selfpaylbh@hcahealthcare.co.uk) or 0207 234 2948.

#### Other third-party sponsors

If you are sponsored by an Embassy or other third party, you must obtain a letter of guarantee confirming your embassy or other third party will cover all costs relating to your visit. If this is not forthcoming, payment will be requested at your appointment.

#### Additional hospital fees

Regardless of how your treatment will be funded, you will be asked to provide your payment information (credit or debit card details) to the hospital during online registration or on arrival. This is because during your visit, you may incur hospital charges that are not covered. HCA will provide you with an invoice and if this is not settled within the period detailed in the HCA payment terms, your stored debit or credit card details will be used to settle any outstanding amount. Your card details will be stored for 6 months by a secure system that is fully compliant with Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS).

Occasionally, I will request that your case be discussed at the HCA multidisciplinary team meeting (MDT) where your scans will be re-reviewed by one of the specialist radiographers. This carries a charge of approx. £100 which may not be covered by your insurance provider. It is therefore advisable that you to check with your provider so you are aware of any shortfall charges. Please note any patient booked for cancer surgery at HCA will have their case discussed at the MDT meeting.

### Medical notes

If you have any past medical records or test results relating to this medical issue, they can be uploaded via the patient portal in Carebit or sent to us via email in advance.

### Quality Information

You can compare independent information about the quality of private treatment offered at the hospital and other private healthcare providers from the Private Healthcare Information Network (PHIN) website: [www.phin.org.uk](http://www.phin.org.uk)